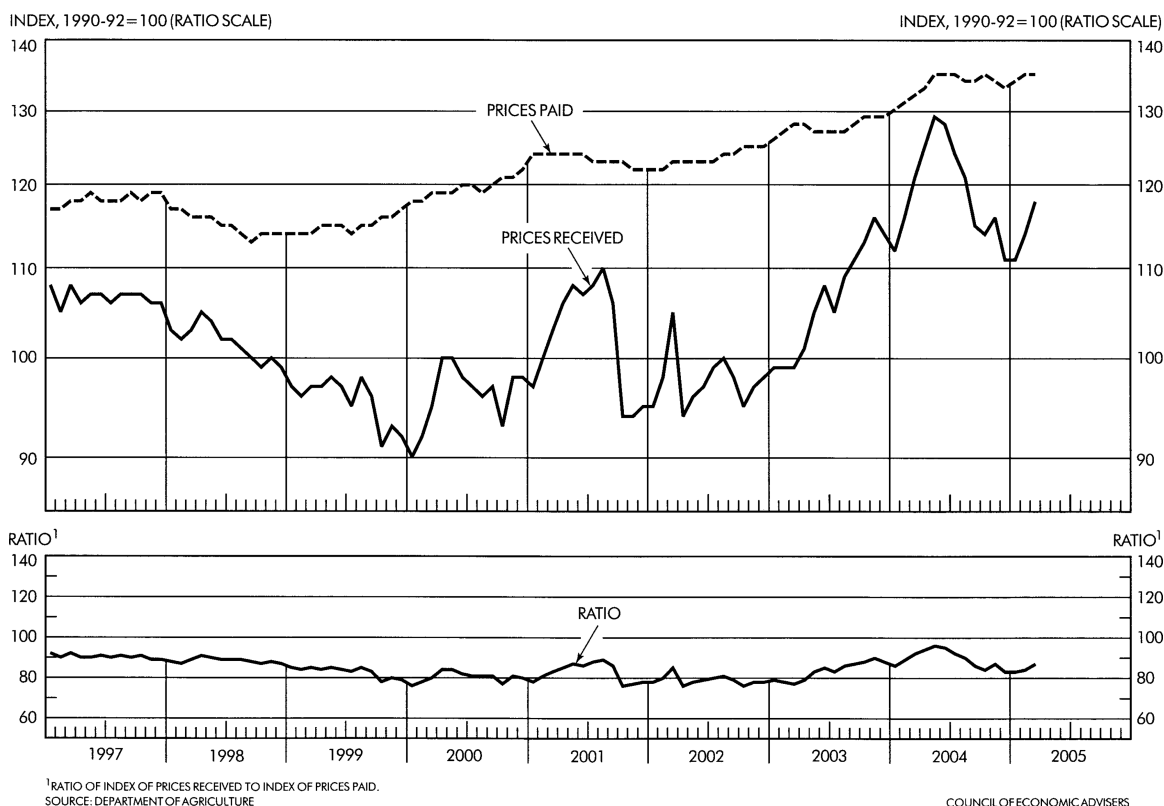


PRICES RECEIVED AND PAID BY FARMERS

In March, prices received by farmers rose 3.5 percent, while prices paid by farmers were unchanged. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.)



[1990-92=100; not seasonally adjusted]

Period	Prices received by farmers			Prices paid by farmers			Ratio ²
	All farm products	Crops	Livestock and products	All commodities, services, interest, taxes, and wage rates ¹	Production items, interest, taxes, and wage rates	Production items	
1995	102	112	92	109	108	108	93
1996	112	127	99	115	115	115	98
1997	107	115	98	118	118	119	90
1998	102	107	97	115	114	113	89
1999	96	97	95	115	113	111	83
2000	96	96	97	120	118	116	80
2001	102	99	106	123	122	120	83
2002	98	105	90	124	121	119	79
2003	107	111	103	128	126	124	84
2004	119	117	122	133	132	131	90
2004: Mar	121	121	122	132	130	129	92
Apr	125	123	126	133	132	131	94
May	129	124	133	135	133	132	96
June	128	122	133	135	133	132	95
July	124	120	128	135	134	133	92
Aug	121	118	123	134	133	132	90
Sept	115	113	118	134	133	131	86
Oct	114	111	117	135	133	132	84
Nov	116	112	119	134	132	131	87
Dec	111	103	120	133	131	130	83
2005: Jan	111	101	121	134	132	130	83
Feb	114	106	119	135	133	131	84
Mar	118	113	122	135	134	132	87

¹ Includes items not shown separately.

² Percentage ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid, interest, taxes, and wage rates.

NOTE.—The official indexes are published on a 1910-14 base as required by law. The indexes have been converted to a 1990-92=100 base to facilitate comparison with other indexes. Source: Department of Agriculture.